Travelling Allowance.

459 *MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state the amount given in 1118, 1119 and 1120 respectively as travelling allowance to (i) Anchal Master, (ii) clerks and (iii) peons in the Anchal Department when they were transferred?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Nil.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether any amount was budgetted for paying the travelling allowance of Anchal Masters, Clerks and Peons of the Anchal department?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR; There was an amount budgetted; But the amounts are given only when they travel for remittance to the treasuries and sub-treasuries. The amount is very small and so the travelling allowance, when the staff is on leave or on transfer, is not given.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether these amounts are allocated in the budget for meeting the travelling expenses of the subordinates in the Anchal department?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: In that case, is it not right that travelling allowance should be paid to the servants of the department when they are transferred?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: The amount is not sufficient. The amount is allotted when remittances have to be made to the treasuries and sub-treasuries.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know what is being done with the amount allocated for this purpose?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: That is what I just now stated. The amount is given as travelling allowance when the members of the staff go out for remitting the money into the treasuries and sub-treasuries.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the Government are of the opinion that the Anchal Masters, Clerks and Peons should meet from their own pockets the expenses connected with their transfer?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: No, Sir.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Then, how does the department think that they should meet their travelling allowance?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: They seldom claim travelling allowance when they are transferred. That is not the practice. Only when they go for remittances, they are given travelling allowances.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Is it not really hardship to the poor servants of the department? Is it that they do not claim the allowance for the reason that they do not want it?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Most of them are transferred on their own requests.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: Is travelling allowance allowed only at their requests?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: No, travelling allowance is given in the case of those who are transferred on their own requests.

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